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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

Art Unit: 1654

Copeland et al.

Examiner: Jeffrey E. Russel

APPLICATION NO: 09/808,832

FILED: March 15, 2001

FOR: PEPTIDASE-CLEAVABLE, TARGETED ANTINEOPLASTIC

DRUGS AND THEIR THERAPEUTIC USE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed December 4, 2002. Applicants hereby request a one-month extension of time, extending the time for reply until April 4, 2003, thereby making this response timely.

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (amended). A compound of Formula (I):

Ecp-A

(I)

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt form thereof, wherein;

E^{cp} is an enzyme cleavable peptide conjugated to A and selected from:

Cap- Paa -Xa2 -Gly - Xp1 - Laa -;

Cap- Xa2 - Gly - Xp1 - Laa -;